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In re Application of:

Marc ALIZON et al.

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For: NUCLEIC ACID-BASED METHODS FOR THE DETECTION
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 2 (HIV-2)

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of June 16, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
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Respectfully submitted,

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